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THE STERLING BEQUEST TO YALE UNIVERSITY

THE residuary estate of John W. Sterling, which it is said will amount to \$15,000,000, has been left by the terms of his will to Yale University. Mr. Sterling, who was of the law firm of Shearman & Sterling, died on July 5 while staying in Canada at the fishing lodge of Lord Mount Stephen. Of the remaining \$5,000,000, \$1,000,000 goes to the Miriam A. Osborn Memorial Home at Rye, N. Y., and \$4,000,000 to relatives, friends, employees and charities. The clause which gives the residue of the estate to Yale University is this:

All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate not hereinbefore effectually disposed of, I direct my said trustees to dispose of in the manner following:

To apply the same, as soon after my decease as may be practicable, to the use and for the benefit of Yale University, in the erection in New Haven, Conn., upon land selected at its expense by it with the approval of my said trustees, of at least one enduring, useful and architecturally beautiful edifice, which will constitute a fitting memorial of my gratitude to and affection for my alma mater. The said trustees shall have entire liberty and discretion to apply any portion of the said property or its proceeds to the erection of a single building, and they shall apply the balance of said property, if any, to the erection and equipment of other fine and enduring buildings for the use of students in the academical or graduate departments, and, to some extent, to the foundation of scholarships, fellowships or lectureships, the endowment of new professorships, and the establishment of special funds for prizes.

In case I erect or provide during my lifetime for the erection of such a memorial edifice as is described in the first part of this article XXVIII., my trustees shall not be required to erect an additional memorial building, though they shall have complete power to apply my said residuary estate for the benefit of the said university to the erection of other edifices of a memorial character or to the other purposes specified in subdivision I. All buildings erected as aforesaid shall be made fire-proof and shall be constructed in the most substantial manner.

Mr. Sterling was graduated from Yale in 1864. His bequest is the largest ever made to an American university, and the amount has only been exceeded by the gifts of Mr. Rockefeller to the University of Chicago and of Mr. and Mrs. Stanford to Stanford University.

MEMORIAL TO JOSIAH ROYCE

SOME of the personal friends and colleagues of Josiah Royce, who believe that his work and his character made a deep impression upon a wide circle of men and women, and that he became in fact the center of a large spiritual community, many of whose members were unknown to him, as he was unknown personally to them, feel that the reverence and affection which went out to him as a thinker and as a man should be embodied in some appropriate memorial of him at Harvard University, where he expressed himself in characteristic speech and writing for thirty years.

It is proposed, with this end in view, to create a fund of \$20,000, to be known as the Josiah Royce Memorial Fund, the income of which shall go to Mrs. Royce during her lifetime, and thereafter to the department of philosophy of Harvard College, to be used in such ways as the department shall decide from year to year.

There are evident reasons why this appeal should not be delayed until the return of normal conditions, natural as such postponement might on some accounts appear to be. And further, the due honoring of our moral heroes, though a privilege under all circumstances is

especially a privilege and a duty in heroic times.

Those who desire to subscribe may send their checks to Charles Francis Adams, Esq., treasurer of Harvard College, 50 State Street, Boston.

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SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

PROFESSOR A. A. MICHELSON, head of the department of physics, University of Chicago, has been commissioned as lieutenant-commander in the navy.

DR. RICHARD C. MACLAURIN, president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has accepted the appointment of director of college training, in charge of the Students' Army Training Corps under the War Department's Committee on Education and Special Training aiming to mobilize the higher institutions of learning.

PROFESSOR JULIUS STIEGLITZ, chairman of the department of chemistry at the University of Chicago, has been appointed as special expert in the United States Public Health Service of the Treasury Department. This will not involve his work at the university. The government assigns him two assistants, who will be in the employ of the Public Health Service and will carry out their work in Kent Chemical Laboratory under Professor Stieglitz's direction.

MAJOR ANTON J. CARLSON, chairman of the department of physiology at the University of

Chicago, who is now in the Sanitary Corps of the National Army attached to the Food Division of the Surgeon General's Office, is at present on duty in England, making a study of food conditions in the rest camps of the United States Army.

M. K. AKERS, professor of applied electricity, at the State College of Washington, has been granted leave of absence for the duration of the war. He is now conducting research work in the development department of the Western Electric Company of New York. Harry L. Cole, instructor in chemistry at the State College of Washington, has been recommended for leave of absence during the period of the war, and is now training in the aviation camp at Berkeley, California.

THE Royal Society of Arts has awarded the Albert Medal for 1918 to Sir Richard Tetley Glazebrook, C.B., Sc.D., F.R.S., "for his services in the application of science to the industries of peace and war, by his work as director of the National Physical Laboratory since 1899, and as chairman of the Advisory Committee for Aeronautics." The society's Albert medal, founded in 1863 to commemorate the presidency of Prince Albert, has been awarded annually "for distinguished merit in promoting arts, manufactures and commerce."

OXFORD UNIVERSITY has conferred the degree of master of arts *honoris causa* on John Louis Emil Dreyer, Copenhagen, late director of the Armagh Observatory.

THE Birmingham medal of the British Institution of Gas Engineers, has been presented to Mr. John West, of Southport. Mr. West, who is eighty years of age, has been awarded the medal in connection with his work for the gas industry and Ministry of Munitions.

THE David Livingstone Centenary medal of the American Geographical Society has been awarded to Colonel Candido Mariano da Silva Rondon in recognition of his valuable work of exploration in South America.

MR. HERBERT SAMUEL, M.P., has been elected president of the Royal Statistical Society of Great Britain.